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SMUGGLING THROUGH AIR FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airlines flights are being misused for smuggling of foreign consumer products into the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of smuggling cases reported and the quantity of smuggled goods seized by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the number of cases where the employees of Airlines were found involved and the punitive action taken against them;and

(d) the corrective/preventive action taken by the Government to curb the menace of smuggling in Airline flights?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b): The details of smuggling cases and value of seized goods at the international airports during each of the last three years and the current year upto July, 2009 are enclosed as `Annexure`.

(c) The numbers of cases where the employees of airlines were found involved and action taken against them are enclosed as `Annexure`.

(d) The staff posted at the international airports are keeping a constant vigil on the international flights arriving at the airports to thwart any attempt at smuggling of foreign consumer products into the country.